GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3518
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LIVING STANDARD OF PRIMITIVE TRIBALS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of tribes identified and placed in the list of primitive tribal groups, State-wise and Union Territory-wise;

(b) their present standard of living;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to raise the living standard of these people; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken for their upliftment?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM)

(a) A statement showing State/UT-wise list of identified Primitive tribal groups (PTGs) is annexed.

(b) The Primitive Tribal Groups form the lowest rung of the Scheduled Tribecommunities. They use pre-agricultural level of technology and didder from each other in respect of socio-economic conditions. Some of them are still food gatherers & hunters, some shifting cultivators and some settled cultivators. A few of them also work as agricultural labourers. The level of literacy amony them is very low.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A Central Sector Scheme for the Development of Primitive Tribal Groups with anoutlay of Rs. 22.50 crores for Ninth Five Year Plan has been launched form 1998- 99 for their upliftment. The funds released under the scheme to state Govts andNGOs during last two years are as under:-

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1998-99  - 4.94 crores
1999-2000 - 6.63 crores
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The outlay under the Scheme for the current financial year is Rs. 12.50 crores.Further, a part of SCA to Tribal Sub-Plan given to States/UTs is also utilised for the development of the PTGs.